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Recycling Goes Regional

Lansing, East Lansing Expand Partnership with Recycling Agreement

(LANSING) – The cities of Lansing and East Lansing have reached agreement on a new regional partnership that will bring the two community's recycling operations closer together. Under the agreement, which was approved by the East Lansing City Council last night, East Lansing will contract with Lansing for the use of Lansing's recycling transfer station, hauling operations and cooperative use of the Material Recycling Facility (MRF). The MRF will now accept recyclable materials from both cities and be able to leverage our collective recyclable materials on a larger scale.

"This is yet another example of the growing regional partnership between Lansing and East Lansing," said Mayor Virg Bernero. "It represents one more step toward bringing better public services to our residents at a lower cost by partnering on a regional basis to realize economies of scale. This agreement also puts us on a path toward even greater multijurisdictional recycling collaborations in the future."

East Lansing Mayor Nathan Triplett hailed the agreement as an important step toward improving the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of East Lansing's recycling operations and greater regional cooperation.

"Recycling is on a roll in East Lansing and in our region. This Municipal Recycling Agreement is an important part of East Lansing's implementation of single-stream, curbside recycling, but also an excellent illustration of meaningful regionalism in action. It's another example of our communities and our region being stronger when we work together," said Triplett.

The City of East Lansing will be delivering new curbside recycling carts to residences the week of September 28 and cart collection will begin in October. Curbside collection in East Lansing will utilize the first hydraulic hybrid recycling truck in the state of Michigan. Instead of solely using gas power from the engine, accumulated energy from the vehicle's braking system will be stored and used to power the truck each time it accelerates. The fuel-efficient, environmentally-friendly vehicle is a product of the City's Green Fleet Policy. More information on East Lansing's expanded curbside recycling program can be found at: <http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/recycle>.

Under the agreement, East Lansing will start sending their recycled materials to the Lansing transfer station beginning September 7, 2015. The program will operate on a pilot basis pending final approval of the intergovernmental recycling agreement by the Lansing City Council.

NOTE: Mayor Bernero and Mayor Triplett will be available at 12 noon today for a media availability at the Lansing Recycling Transfer Station, located at 601 E. South Street in Lansing.

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